

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 (cancelled).

12. (currently amended) A reamer bushing mounted in a fixture aligned with a bone canal, the bushing for use with a plurality of at least two different diameter reamers, the reamers each having a plurality of longitudinally~~longitudinal~~ flutes extending from an inner shaft, outer radial ends of the flutes defining the reamer diameter, the bushing comprising:

a body with a bearing surface for engaging ~~at~~the fixture in which the bushing is mounted;

a longitudinally~~longitudinal~~ bore formed in the body for receiving the inner shaft of the reamer; and

a plurality of recesses extending radially outward of said bore and open thereto, each recess for receiving at least one of said plurality of flutes.

13. (currently amended) The reamer bushing as set forth in claim 12 wherein said recesses extend radially from said bushing central opening a distance greater than the largest radial extent of the flutes of the at least two reamers.

14. (currently amended) The reamer bushing as set forth in claim 13 wherein the bushing has a number of recesses equal to or greater than the number of flutes on each of ~~reamer~~reamers.

15. (currently amended) The reamer bushing as set forth in claim 12 wherein said recesses expand in width on moving radially outwardly from said central opening.

16. (currently amended) The reamer bushing as set forth in claim 15 wherein said reamer flutes expand in width in moving radially outwardly from said central shaft.

17. (cancelled)

18. (original) The reamer bushing as set forth in claim 12 wherein said bushing has at least three recesses formed therein.

19. (cancelled)

20. (new) The reamer bushing as set forth in claim 12 wherein said recesses each receive at least two flutes.

21. (new) The reamer bushing as set forth in claim 12 wherein the bushing is cylindrical and said bearing surface extends circumferentially around an outer cylindrical surface of the bushing.

22. (new) The reamer bushing as set forth in claim 21 wherein said cylindrical outer bearing surface extends about an axis which is coaxial with an axis of said longitudinal bore.

23. (new) The reamer bushing as set forth in claim 22 wherein said plurality of recesses have radial ends opposite ends thereof open to said bore at a shorter radial distance from said axis of said longitudinal bore than said outer cylindrical surface of the bushing.

24. (new) The reamer bushing as set forth in claim 23 wherein said recesses expand in width on moving radially outwardly from said central opening.